

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Action Plan for Life Style Diseases
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to check the spread of serious life style diseases such as Cancer, AIDS, hepatitis etc. through identification of specific locations;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of locations identified by the Government; and

(c) if not, the other schemes formulated by the Government to curb such diseases?

Answer

ANSWER
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(a) to (c): While Health is a State subject, Government of India is implementing a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The objectives of NPCDCS, being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) for interventions upto the district level includes awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. The focus of the programme is on Breast, Cervical and Oral Cancer.

Operational guidelines have been released for prevention, control and screening of Diabetes, Hypertension and common Cancer (Cervix, Breast and Oral) to the States for implementation. The screening includes screening for risk factors of these diseases. Such screening will also generate awareness on risk factors of these diseases. Suspected cases are to be referred for confirmatory diagnosis by various tests including histo-pathological biopsy. Electronic and Print media is utilized for health awareness for cancer.

The Government of India is also implementing Tertiary Care for Cancer scheme in the country under which State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) are being set up in different parts of the country. The SCI and TCCC shall mentor all Cancer related activities including research, treatment & awareness generation inter alia. The list of institutes identified for assistance as SCI/TCCC under the said scheme is at Annexure.

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AIDS is a communicable disease and not a life style disease, which spreads through a virus (HIV) in certain body fluids that attack the body's immune system. If left untreated, the virus may severely reduce the immune capacity of infected person and ultimately impede the capacity of body to fight infections and some other disease. The stage of disease when body's immune system is severely impacted and it gets susceptible to all infections is called AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) is currently implementing the fourth phase of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) and aims to accelerate the process of reversal and further strengthen the epidemic response in India through a cautious and well defined integration process.

Hepatitis B vaccination is included under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) of the Government of India. Screening of blood reduces the risk of transmission of Hepatitis B and C by blood transfusion. Therefore, blood banks mandatorily screen for Hepatitis B and C as per Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules thereunder.

A National Programme on Surveillance of Viral Hepatitis under the 12th Five Year Plan has been launched by the Government. National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi has been entrusted the responsibility for coordinating various activities under this programme.

NCDC also provides technical guidance to State Governments, laboratory support for outbreak investigations and etiological diagnosis besides conducting regular training courses for development of trained manpower. Funds are released to States/UTs under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) to strengthen surveillance and to detect and respond to outbreaks of epidemic-prone diseases.

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